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**DWR SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT
TO PREPARE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS FOR
SACRAMENTO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

SACRAMENTO - The California Department of Water Resources and the Bureau of Reclamation are seeking public input to prepare the programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for implementing the short-term Sacramento Valley Water Management Program. Two public scoping meetings will solicit input on the scope of the short-term SVWM Program and the issues to be addressed in the EIS/EIR:

Sacramento

August 20, 2003

3 - 5 p.m.

Expo Inn

Expo Room

1413 Howe Avenue (Just south of
Arden Way)

Colusa

August 21, 2003

3 - 5 p.m.

Colusa Industrial Properties

Conference Room

100 Sunrise Boulevard (off Hwy
45/20)

The purpose of the SVWM Program is to promote better water management in the Sacramento Valley and develop additional water supplies through a cooperative water management partnership. The SVWM Program was developed to help resolve water quality and water rights issues arising from the need to meet the flow-related water quality objectives of the 1995 Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan and the State Water Resources Control Board's Phase 8 Water Rights Hearing process. The participants include the Bureau, DWR, Northern California Water Association, and various Sacramento Valley and export water users.

The short-term projects and actions include the development of groundwater to substitute for surface water supplies, reservoir reoperation, and system improvements. These projects and actions will be implemented for a period of 10 years in areas of Shasta, Butte, Sutter, Glenn, Tehama, Colusa, Sacramento, Placer, and Yolo counties.

The public is invited to provide written comments on issues and alternatives that should be addressed in the EIS/EIR. Please send written comments to the Department of Water Resources, Attention: John Fielden, Project Manager, P.O. Box 942836, Sacramento, CA 94236-0001 or at jfielden@water.ca.gov no later than Friday, September 5, 2003.

For additional information, please contact John Fielden by e-mail or at (916) 651-7053 or Bob Eckart with Reclamation at reckart@mp.usbr.gov or by calling (916) 978-5051.

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